

FIRST OF THE MONTH

this is the day the town drunk
gets his check from his daughter

and all the day in the bar
he's talking about the big steak

that he plans to buy
and asking everybody how you cook one

he says his wife always did the cooking
(although everyone knows he's been separated

for ten years) and so he gets one hundred
quite similar sets of instructions

for the broiling of a steak and finally
he falls asleep in a booth

an hour before the grocery store closes
but before then one of his cronies

happens in and has lost his job
and he says he could have it back

if he apologized but he says
he never has kissed ass and never will

and tony says you better get that job
back you have got five kids to support

and the guy says i've always supported my kids
and i always will, and tony says me too.